

RAC- V Meeting Minutes

Meeting Name:	Board
Meeting Date:	March 22, 2024
Meeting Place:	Starr County Memorial Hospital, 128 FM 3167, Rio Grande City, Texas
Meeting attended by:	Carlos Palacio MD, Wesley Milum, Michael Sanchez, Cat Domian, Rene Perez, Jeffrey Skubic, Kathleen Dassler, Kennetha Foster, Jason Waller, Lutano Villarreal, Jennifer Bartnesky, Julie Beller, Aaron Lopes, Danny Ramirez, Rolando Ramirez, Ray Marroquin, Frank Torres, Eric Panzer
Proxy:	Elena Guajardo for Ana Hinojosa, Aurora Magaly Rocha for Eira Romero, Lutano Villarreal for Rolando Guerrero MD
TRAC-V:	Nathan Ramon
Guests:	N/A

Agenda Item:	Discussion:	Action:
Call to Order		Dr. Palacio called the meeting to order at 11:08am.
Introductions	All board members introduced themselves.	
Approval of minutes		Kathy Dassler made a motion to approve the minutes for January 26, 2024, with a second by Wesley Millum. All in favor, motion carried.
Financial Report		See Management Report prepared on March 19, 2024, for period ending February 29, 2024. Wesley Millum made a motion to accept the financial report with a second by Danny Ramirez. All in favor, motion carried. Discussion regarding writing off the debt of Air Methods due to no longer being in business. Michael Sanchez made a motion to write off Air Methods debt with a second by Wesley Millum. All in favor, motion carried.
Executive Directors Report		Balances as noted below reported by ED: RAC Systems Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance \$51,956.00 EMS RAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance \$197,305.00

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		<p>EMS CO Funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balance \$89,852.00 <p>SB8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Balance \$51,435.86 <p>\$16,894.00 has been spent in scholarships. Letters have been sent to EMS students who failed or dropped out via email and mail. EMS coordinators were copied on both.</p> <p>Discussion on incident which occurred in Harlingen on March 14, 2024, on the UTRGV campus and the subsequent debriefing which occurred on March 21, 2024 with Cameron County stakeholders. Meeting resulted in the thought of the possible need to develop a disaster preparedness committee. Michael Sanchez made a motion to develop a disaster preparedness committee with a second by Frank Torres. All in favor, motion carried. Nathan Ramon will begin work on the framework for the committee structure and bring to next board meeting.</p> <p>GETAC Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. EMS White Paper was presented.2. Discussion regarding a task force for EMS and whole blood to be established. Goals to include: establish a regional rotations of blood products; mass casualty push packs; and walking blood bank procedures.3. CARES report to include how pricing tiers should be set up. Goal is the schedule meetings with state representative and Board Members.4. Burn task force to possibly be developed in each region if interest is voiced. More details to come.
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		<p>Notified by ERI grants to reapply for grant by Moody Center with due date of March 22, 2024. Grant was submitted today.</p> <p>Moved offices as previously discussed.</p> <p>Employee healthcare benefits have changed to now include dental and vision with a decrease in premiums.</p> <p>Email migration previously discussed has been completed.</p> <p>Symposium update: Early bird special ends today. Registrants to date are 20 EMS and 10 other. Brownsville and Edinburg Chamber of Commerce are both advertising to members. 5 vendors have been secured. 2 hospitals have committed to be sponsors. Expenses to date are \$31,486.00. AV costs are \$4,912.00. Agenda has been uploaded to Eventbrite. Special rate at venue ends April 8, 2024.</p> <p>RAC Director Meeting Update: National pediatric readiness committee made corrections to our trauma numbers as errors were identified. Proposed rules had >3800 comments received from >150 commentors. State had a call last week to discuss some of the changes already being made.</p> <p>Trac had daily calls during Spring Break for Cameron County providers and all went well with good attendance. Same will occur for Semana Santa.</p>
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		<p>CADS course is scheduled next Monday for EMS.</p> <p>ABLS course offering is being considered.</p> <p>Education survey was sent out to membership.</p>
Discussion and Action Items	<p>TMD & EMS Advisory Committee policy document</p> <p>Election of TMD & EMS Advisory Committee Co-Chair</p> <p>Approval of Funds for Board Strategic Plan Workshop</p>	<p>Policy was developed as did not exist. V(b) and (c) edited. Motion made by Dr. Skubic to change to read “the chair should serve as a physician or be a licensed trauma/general surgeon at one of the region’s trauma designated facilities” with a second by Julie Beller. All in favor, motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Palacio will remain chair until the start of the new committee election cycle in 2025. Julie Beller nominated Dr. Panzer to serve as TMD & EMS Advisory Committee Co-Chair. Dr. Skubic nominated and withdrew nomination of Erin Tesky to serve as TMD & EMS Advisory Committee Co-Chair. Wesley motioned by acclamation for Dr. Panzer to serve as the TMD & EMS Advisory Committee Co-Chair until the new committee election cycle in 2025 with a second by Frank Torres. All in favor, motion carried.</p> <p>Rene Perez suggested a budget of \$5,000.00. Frank Torres made a motion to allocate no more than \$5,000.00 to be spent on the strategic planning workshop with a second by Danny Ramirez. All in favor, motion carried.</p>
Old Business		None.
New Business	Committee Policies Document for each committee	Nathan with plans to develop policies for each committee.

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	Whole Blood Discussion and Statewide Traction	See above in ED report.
	TRAC-V Education Capabilities Survey	See above in ED report.
	Pulsara outreach meetings and potential “MCI Academy”	Pulsara was a sponsor at Symposium and would like to present to Trac membership in the future.
Next Meeting Date	May 24, 2024, at Willacy Count EMS.	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1:14pm.	Danny Ramirez made a motion to adjourn with a second by Rene Perez. All in favor, motion passed.